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PARYT CONFERENCE ON ZIMBABWE

REF: (A) STATE 169971 (NOTAL) (B) KHARTOUM 3001 (NOTAL)

(C) DAR ES SALAAM 2883 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: DEBATE ON DECOLONIZATION AND LIBERATION COMMITTEE

REPORTS CONCLUDED JULY 11, WITH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM)

APPARENTLY ADOPTING RESOLUTION ON ZIMBABWE WHICH MAINTAINS

SUPPORT FOR ALL PARTY CONFERENCE AND POSSIBLE POLITICAL

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SOLUTION. PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN RECOGNIZED

BY OAU AS "SOLE AND AUTHENTIC" REPRESENTATIVE OF ZIMBABWE

PEOPLE. OAU WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE ARMED STRUGGLE FOR

LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE AS PART OF STRATEGY TO SUSTAIN

PRESSURE FOR RESOLUTION OF ZIMBABWE QUESTION. END

SUMMARY

1. COM COMPLETED DEBATE ON DECOLONIZATION AND LIBERATION COMMITTEE (ALC) REPORTS (AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND 7) JULY 11 AND BEGAN DISCUSSIONS ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTION. SPOKESMAN ONU BRIEFED PRESS FROM PREPARED AND CAREFULLY WORDED TEXT. ON QUESTION OF ZIMBABWE AND PATRIOTIC FRONT, ONU STATED THAT COM SUPPORTS PATRIOTIC FRONT AS "SOLE" LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN ZIMBABWE. HE ALSO REAFFIRMED DECISIONS TAKEN IN LIBREVILLE BY LAST HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT URGING "ALL SONS OF ZIMBABWE ENGAGED IN LIBERATION STRUGGLE TO FIGHT WITHIN RANKS OF PATRIOTIC FRONT" AND THAT "CHOICE OF ZIMBABWE LEADERS IS UP TO PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE."

2. ONU THEN DELIBERATELY STATED AND REPEATED THAT PRESS REPORTS FOLLOWING JUNE 19-23 DAR ES SALAAM ALC MEETING THAT OAU HAD RESOLVED THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT (PF) WAS "THE SOLE AND SUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE" WERE INCORRECT. ONU SAID ALC HAD RESOLVED PF WAS ONLY LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF ZIMBABWE, NOT SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF ZIMBABWE PEOPLE. HE CONTINUED, OAU AND CURRENT COM STILL MAINTAIN THAT ALL PARTIES SHOUDL PARTICIPATE IN AN ALL PARTY CONFERENCE TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL SOLUTION. HE STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT COM WOULD RECOMMEND TO SUMMIT THAT ALC RESOLUTION ON ZIMBABWE (REF C) BE ADOPTED AS SUBMITTED.

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3. THROUGHOUT EXPLANATION OF COM DECISION IN ZIMBABWE RESOLUTION, ONU MADE CLEAR THAT OAU WOULD FOLLOW TWO-PRONGED APPROACH BY CONTINUING TO SUPPORT ARMED STRUGGLE OF PF AND BY PURSUING NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. DURING COM PLENARY DEBATE ON ZIMBABWE, REPORTEDLY MALI ARGUED FOR EXCLUSIVE OAU SUPPORT OF PF. THIS WAS OPPOSED BY AT LEAST LIBERIA AND ZAIRE ON FLOOR AND OBVIOUSLY MAJORITY OF MEMBERS. ALLEGEDLY LIBERIA WANTED LANGUAGE ADDED TO ZIMBABWE RESOLUTION SPECIFYING OAU SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTIES IN DETERMINING FUTURE OF ZIMBABWE. THIS WAS APPARENTLY NOT ADOPTED.

4. ONU CLAIMED THAT COM HAD ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY SECRETARIAT'S REPORT ON ZIMBABWE/PF, BUT REPORTS FROM DELEGATES PRESENT DURING DEBATE CLAIMED OTHERWISE. SPEECH TO COM BY SEC GEN OF ZAPU (NKOMO FACTION) JOSEPH MSIKA, ON BEHALF OF PF CRITIZED U.K. AS "NOT SERIOUS" BECAUSE IT TRIES TO IGNORE WAR SITUATION, CONDEMNED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT ACTORS AND REQUESTED OAU TO CONTRIBUTE U.S.\$5 MILLION TO PF. (MSIKA DID NOT MENTION U.S.) ONU DID ALLOW THERE WERE "SOME DEIVERGENT VIEWS" ON ZIMBABWE AND SOME RESERVATIONS BY MEMBERS WERE NOTED, BUT THAT OAU WOULD ADOPT ALC

RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. BRITISH EMBOFF EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH OAU POSITION
AND BELIEVED IT BEST THAT COULD BE OBTAINED AT THIS POINT
HE THOUGHT IT CLEARLY GAVE CONTINUED LIFE TO
ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS.
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